



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

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(Weeks of March 1 – March 13, 2015)

This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks; however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. (Vacant)

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones cited a Thomson man for trapping without a trapping license.

While working in Mississippi Palisades State Park, CPO Jones observed a vehicle without a front license plate run a stop sign. The subject was issued written warnings for both violations.

A Rochelle man, who was arrested by CPO Palumbo for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol on Pool 13 of the Mississippi River, was found guilty and placed on 12 month probation, along with mandatory alcohol treatment classes. He was also fined \$1,500.

An injured eagle was reported in rural Carroll County and officers responded. With the efforts of a concerned citizen the eagle was captured and transported to HooHaven Rehabilitation facility. Officers Jones and Beltran later discovered the eagle was returned to the wild with full health.

HENRY COUNTY

A Kewanee man was investigated for deer permit violations from the opening day of Firearm Deer Season. The young man failed to tag the deer immediately upon kill and was cited for the violation.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf investigated the possible deer harvest violations. A written warning was issued to a Galena man for taking a deer without a valid habitat stamp.

CPO Hoogerwerf assisted with scene security during the BNSF train derailment near Galena.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Teas completed a deer investigation in Lee County. A hunter had taken a 10 point buck without a valid permit and then used another hunter's permit to tag and check-in the deer under the other hunter's name. This occurred after the hunter who killed the 10 point had used his permit to tag a third hunter's deer earlier in the season. A total of four citations and eight warnings were issued and a large 10 point rack was seized.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Teas arrested a subject in Ogle County on an outstanding warrant which stemmed from a hunting without permission and criminal damage to property case made by CPO Beltran a couple of years prior. In addition to the warrant arrest, the subject received charges for possession of cannabis and traffic charges which were discovered during the warrant arrest.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

Conducting meat locker inspections, CPO Tony Petreikis arrested four subjects for the illegal taking of four deer during the 2013 and 2014 deer seasons. One of the subjects (a resident of Iowa) was cited for falsification to obtain resident Illinois deer tags (in 2012 thru 2014).

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Fraser and CPO Frichtl responded to a call of trucks and snowmobiles chasing coyotes near Winnesheik in Stephenson County. The CPOs were unable to locate the vehicles from the complaint; they did, however, locate several other coyote hunters who were hunting illegally.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

A Rock Falls man who was cited by CPO Palumbo for unlawful trapping along the Hennepin Feeder Canal and for failing to tag traps as required was found guilty and fined \$824 in the Whiteside County Court.

Two Sterling men were arrested by CPO Palumbo for unlawfully dumping their household trash onto private property in rural Whiteside County and were found guilty and fined \$614.

CPO Palumbo issued a written warning to a Morrison youth for driving too fast for conditions. This was the second time the young driver has went off the roadway on the gravel backroads of Whiteside County. The young man's guardian was also advised of the separate driving incidents.

District 6 - Sgt. Hank Frazier (Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt was called to assist the Boone County Sheriff's Department investigating a personal injury snowmobile crash which occurred on private property owned by ComEd in early February. The crash investigation and subsequent correspondence with ComEd resulted in CPO Alt obtaining an Intent To Prosecute Complaint for unlawful snowmobiling upon private property without permission. CPO Alt made contact with the victim and witness which resulted in each operator receiving citations for the above listed offense as well as written warnings for unlawful operation of an unnumbered snowmobile and operation on an uninsured snowmobile.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Wright issued a female a citation for not tagging her deer immediately upon kill. The female shot a doe and did not want to use the either sex tag. She purchased an antlerless only tag and tagged the doe after she shot it.

CPO Filipiak conducted multiple snowmobile patrols on the Hennepin Canal – approximately 40 snowmobiles were part of

the compliance checks. Multiple violations were identified: unregistered snowmobiles, falsification of registration, operation on a roadway without a valid driver’s license, operation of a snowmobile without insurance.

CPO Filipiak arrested an individual for operating a dirt bike on the roadway.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry made a traffic stop on a vehicle that had crossed the center dividing traffic line multiple times. During that stop the driver admitted to possession of cannabis “wax” in her vehicle. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed a significant amount of cannabis “wax” along with multiple items of drug paraphernalia. The driver and passenger were both arrested and charged with unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Murry, CPO Fraser and CPO Alt conducted snowmobile enforcement in DeKalb County. Multiple snowmobiles were stopped for compliance checks. One operator was cited for operation of a snowmobile without registration and one operator was cited for no insurance.

CPO Murry stopped a vehicle for improper lane usage and crossing the center dividing traffic line multiple times. During the course of the investigation into the driver’s level of impairment, the driver became very argumentative and refused to perform all standardized field sobriety testing. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. He later submitted to chemical tests, disclosing a blood alcohol concentration of .162. He was cited for improper lane usage, illegal transportation of alcohol (driver) and driving under the influence of alcohol.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Fraser was less than two miles away from the location of a call in rural Winnebago County of a one year old child who was having a seizure and not breathing. Due to the rural location and very heavy fog in the area, CPO Fraser knew other responders may be slow to arrive. When CPO Fraser arrived on scene the infant was having trouble breathing but was conscious and not seizing. A few minutes after CPO Fraser’s arrival an ambulance and local Police Officer arrived and the child was transported to the local hospital and is expected to be okay.

CPO Frichtl conducted an investigation which involved a Rockford man, who was reportedly in possession of an alligator snapping turtle. During the course of the investigation, it was learned the man who possessed the alligator snapping turtle had contacted the IDNR in an attempt to obtain a permit to possess the turtle. When contacted by CPO Frichtl, the subject allowed CPOs Schoonhoven and Frichtl to photograph the turtle and cooperated fully with the investigation. CPO Frichtl later seized the turtle and issued the man a written warning for unlawful possession of an endangered species.

District 7, Sgt. (Vacant)
(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson conducted an investigation into information provided in reference to deer hunting violations. After meeting with the suspect in the case, a full confession was provided referencing unlawful hunting without valid permits and failure to tag a deer immediately upon kill.

CPO Thompson received information alleging two hunters and unlawful deer hunting violations. Upon speaking with the suspects in the cases, full confessions were provided. The hunters were found in violation for three counts of unlawful hunting without valid permits, two counts of fraudulent harvest reporting, two counts of unlawful take of whitetail deer, one count of failure to report harvest of a deer, and three counts of failure to tag a deer immediately upon kill. A 13 point and 8 point buck were seized as a result of the investigations. Four citations and nine written warnings were issued.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid cited a local resident for operation of a vehicle off the roadway at the Big River State Forest. The subject had just purchased a 4WD vehicle and wanted to try it out.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Lazzell and CPO Avery conducted compliance checks of ice fishermen and snowmobile operators during a snowmobile patrol in Knox County. One citation was issued for fishing without a license and six written warnings were issued to snowmobile operators for violations of the Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act.

MARSHALL COUNTY

CPO Finn observed a man fishing on the Illinois River. After observing the fisherman for a few minutes, CPO Finn noticed the fisherman to be snagging with one of his poles. CPO Finn approached the fisherman and asked for a fishing license. The fisherman was not able to provide one. After discussing the regulations for fishing and looking up the fisherman's information, CPO Finn issued a citation for illegal snagging on the Illinois River and issued two written warnings for using too many devices and fishing license not in possession.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Thompson received a complaint from a subject alleging two individuals trespassing on property to shed hunt. The complainant stated he saw two male subjects walking on property owned by his aunt. He approached the two males and while doing so the two men quickly jumped across the fence line to a neighboring property. The complainant identified them and asked what they were doing and why they were on his property. The two stated they had been shed hunting and were returning to their truck located across the highway. The complainant contacted CPO Thompson and provided a detailed account of the issue. CPO Thompson contacted one of the individuals and questioned him regarding the allegation. The male subject admitted they were on property without permission. Two written warnings were issued.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard received the court disposition from a previous arrest. CPO Gerard arrested two subjects for unlawfully hunting in a closed area of Woodford State Fish and Wildlife area. The two subjects harvested three deer and falsely reported the harvests as Marshall State Fish and Wildlife area kills. Subject 1 pleaded guilty to a Class A and B misdemeanor. He was ordered to pay \$1109.50 and received 27 months court supervision. Subject 2 pleaded guilty to one Class A misdemeanor. He was ordered to pay \$299.50 plus 24 months supervision and complete 50 hours of community service.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel (Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Wagner and Sgt. Riedel investigated a personal injury snowmobile accident on Nippersink Lake. The operator was traveling approximately 70 mph when he struck an ice ridge on the lake. As a result, he was ejected from the snowmobile. While he was wearing a helmet, he still sustained serious head injuries and was transported by ambulance to Condell Medical Center. He received multiple stitches to repair his head. The operator was arrested for operation of snowmobile under the influence of alcohol, operation of snowmobile under the influence of alcohol, BAC > .08, careless operation of snowmobile and operating a snowmobile too fast for conditions.

CPO Wagner issued a citation to a subject for failure to provide proof of mandatory insurance (snowmobile).

Sgt Riedel and CPO Hurt responded to a snowmobile accident on Fox Lake with serious injuries. A passenger was transported by EMS with serious head injury. The operator also went to the hospital for injuries. The operator was cited for careless operation of a snowmobile, operating a snowmobile too fast for conditions, operation of a snowmobile under the influence of alcohol, operation of a snowmobile under the influence of alcohol (BAC > .08), and failure to provide proof of mandatory insurance.

CPO Semenik and CPO Hurt conducted a night snowmobile enforcement detail on the Fox Chain O' Lakes. Five citations and five written warnings were issued for registration and insurance violations.

CPO Davis and Sgt. Riedel completed a snowmobile accident investigation where a subject struck an ice ridge on Nippersink Lake. The subject sustained head injuries and was transported to Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was in a coma for 12 hours. The investigation was hindered by lack of cooperation from the subject and his friends. After 2 weeks of investigation, the subject was charged with OUI and OUI above .08%. In addition, he was charged with failure to report an accident.

McHENRY

CPO Wagner issued citations to two subjects for failure to provide proof of mandatory insurance (snowmobile).

CPO Wagner issued a citation to a subject for operation of unnumbered snowmobile without trail use sticker.

CPO Wagner issued a citation to a subject for disobeying a traffic control signal (fail to stop for red light).

District 2 CPOs received training from the Attorney General's Office on environmental crimes. In addition, a district fisheries biologist gave a presentation on their job duties and how CPOs can assist them.

District 3 – Sgt. Mark Simon **(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)**

Grundy County

CPO Wollgast conducted snowmobile enforcement from a snowmobile on the I & M canal. No enforcement action was taken.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPOs Vadbunker and Honiotes continued an investigation into thefts that have occurred at Kankakee River State Park.

CPO Vadbunker attended K9 training.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes conducted snowmobile enforcement at various locations in Will County. One group observed operating on property without permission turned around and fled when they saw him standing outside of his squad with his emergency lights activated. CPO Honiotes knew where they would flee to and was able to stop one of them near the next road crossing. The subject was issued citations for operation of an unnumbered snowmobile and operating without required insurance. Warnings were issued for snowmobiling without permission, failure to stop when hailed by a law enforcement officer, and for operating without a functional braking system. Further investigation is pending for the others that fled. CPO Honiotes also issued a warning to a different individual for operation of an unnumbered snowmobile.

CPO Mueller attended a United Bow Hunters banquet where he received an award for his outstanding work in a complex deer investigation.

CPO Reid interviewed an individual in custody at the Will County Jail. The individual had been arrested for weapons offenses involving loaded weapons in a motor vehicle. Additional charges for wildlife violations are pending further investigation.

CPO Reid stopped a suspicious subject on corporate owned property in Joliet. The individual had a pistol and an AK-47 style 7.62 caliber pistol in a backpack. He stated he came to the property to target shoot inside one of the abandoned buildings. A written warning was issued for criminal trespass to the property.

CPO Reid responded to a complaint of hunting without permission and hunting over bait. A mineral block and 55 gallon automatic drum feeder were seized as evidence. Charges are pending the open investigation.

CPO Reid stopped an individual looking for shed antlers on corporate owned property without permission. A written warning was issued for hunting shed antlers without permission.

CPO Anderson worked the opener at Braidwood Lake. Several fishermen were checked, one citation was issued for a PFD (personal flotation device) violation.

District 3 CPOs attended regional training which included Environmental Crime training and Fisheries training.

CPOs Bergland, Honiotes, Mueller, Wollgast and Sgt. Simon participated in CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) sharpshooting activities.

CPO Wollgast and Sgt. Simon assisted CPO Smith in a forensics training class. Sgt. Simon provided forensic training to District 3 CPOs.

District 4 – Sgt. Bill Shannon **(Counties: Cook & DuPage)**

COOK

CPO Whitchurch was notified of a personal injury snowmobile accident which occurred at William Powers State Fish and Wildlife Area. The person involved in the accident hit a guard rail head on and sustained major injuries. He was air lifted to a Cook County Hospital for treatment. It was determined all three individuals were unlawfully operating snowmobiles in a State Fish and Wildlife Area where that is prohibited. They also unlawfully entered and remained in the State Fish and Wildlife Area after the posted closing time. All three of the individuals are residents of Indiana. The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of Indiana Conservation Officers.

CPO Whitchurch observed two operators of snowmobiles in an unincorporated area of Cook County. After stopping the snowmobilers for inspection purposes, it was learned both operators of the snowmobiles were at least 12 and less than 16 years of age. These snowmobile operators did not possess certificates issued by the IDNR authorizing them to operate the snowmobiles independently. Other registration violations and a mandatory insurance violation were also observed. Contact with the youthful operator's father was made. CPO Whitchurch explained the snowmobile laws to the father. The father was cited for a youthful operator violation due to parental responsibility. The father was also issued written warnings for the other violations.

CPO Whitchurch conducted a sport fishing enforcement patrol at numerous frozen lakes in Cook County. Many ice fishing anglers were checked to be sure they maintained compliance with Illinois Sport Fishing Regulations. Creel limits, sport fishing devices, and sport fishing licenses were checked during the patrol. A total of eight written warnings and one citation were issued during the patrol. The citation was issued to a Wisconsin resident for unlawfully fishing without a valid non-resident sport fishing license.

CPO Whitchurch conducted a snowmobile enforcement patrol where many snowmobiles were checked to make sure they were in compliance with Illinois Law. A total of five written warnings were issued for various snowmobile operation and registration violations. CPO Whitchurch issued one citation for a youthful operator violation.

CPO Whitchurch was observing sport fishing activity on Lake Michigan when he observed a subject catching numerous yellow perch in a short amount of time. The subject observed was keeping every fish he caught and placing the fish in a cooler. CPO Whitchurch then observed another male subject come and assist the subject who was fishing. This second subject helped to pack up and carry the fishing gear back to a vehicle. The subject who was seen fishing then left the lake carrying the cooler which housed the fish. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the fisherman. He possessed a valid sport fishing license. An inspection of the cooler revealed 32 yellow perch. The daily creel limit is 15. The subject was cited for unlawfully catching and possessing an over-limit of yellow perch.

CPO Whitchurch and Sgt. Shannon conducted an ice fishing detail on the frozen waters of Lake Michigan and other inland frozen lakes in Cook County. Numerous anglers were checked for compliance with sport fishing licensing laws, creel limits, and pollution of waterway laws. A total of four citations were issued along with three written warnings.

CPOs Mooi and Klemme went to court for over an over-limit of yellow perch. Both subjects entered guilty pleas and were ordered to pay \$184.00 (each) to the Conservation Police Operations Assistance Fund as part of the plea agreement as well as 6-months of supervision and mandatory fees and costs.

CPO Mooi conducted wildlife feeding enforcement at Schiller Park Pond. Approximately 50 deer were observed in a small section of the Forest Preserve with three centralized feeding locations. Food thrown out by visitors contained 3-foot long French bread loaves, fruit-loops cereal, bread, popcorn, country stuffing, fruits and vegetables. CPO Mooi spent three hours in the area. Five written warnings were issued and four warnings within the first 30 minutes. Park visitors were informed of the detrimental effects that feeding deer and other wildlife has. Visitors were also informed that subsequent visits by Conservation Officers would likely result in citations being issued.

CPO Klemme attended a Hunter Safety Class in Bridgeview. Topics discussed included hunting regulations and firearm safety.

CPO Klemme issued a written warning to a subject for illegal feeding of deer. The subject dumped four large bags of food including bread, apples, carrots, lettuce and potatoes on the ground in a local cemetery.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi conducted interviews for a District 1 CPO in reference to subjects hunting with no state habitat stamps. The individuals were issued written warnings for the violations. A third case is still pending investigation.

LAKE

While patrolling Region 2, District 4, CPO Vaughan and CPO Farber stopped a group of individuals in Illinois Beach State Park Nature Preserve. Upon further investigation, one member of the group was arrested for being a violent sexual predator in a park and possession of cannabis. Another individual in the group was arrested for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis.

While on patrol in Region 2, District 4, CPO Vaughan was located a small car stuck on the railroad tracks near Waukegan Harbor. Upon further investigation, the driver of the car was arrested for unlawful operation of a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. A passenger in the vehicle was arrested for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. CPO Elliott has been conducting random commercial inspections in the Cook County area. These inspections have resulted in no enforcement action taken. The businesses assigned have either moved or not opened for business yet.

CPO Elliott has been working on several deer enforcement cases. One particular case involved a deer shot in northern

Lake County. The buck was reported to the IDNR two days after it had been harvested. It was also established that the buck had not been tagged immediately either. Contact has been made with the subjects involved and an appointment with the subjects has been made to address the violations.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

COLES COUNTY

CPO Greuel attended a Trapper Safety Course in Coles County.

CPO Greuel attended a Hunter Safety Course in Coles County.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Greuel and Sgt. McReynolds investigated a personal injury snowmobile accident in Villa Grove. Alcohol and not wearing a helmet led to the subject not seeing the tree that he struck. The subject was cited for careless operation, operating too fast for conditions and no valid registration.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody assisted a Moultrie County Deputy on an investigation of a stolen tree-stand off from private property. A man was identified and interviewed, and the tree stand was recovered. The man is also a suspect, along with another man, of other thefts of tree-stands from the Shelbyville Wildlife Management Area.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited a Mattoon man for Illegal transportation of open alcohol in a motor vehicle in Wolf Creek State Park after stopping for a seatbelt violation.

CPO Greuel cited a Windsor man for driving with an expired driver's license after stopping subject for improper display of registration on his motor vehicle.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Reeves and Sgt. Williamson met with Champaign Police Department about a University of Illinois student that had been missing since the first of the year. The student was suspected of being in Crystal Lake in Urbana because of cell phone locations on the night that he went missing. CPO Reeves deployed the sector scan sonar unit with the assistance of CPO Schultz, CPO Cottrell, Sgt. Williamson, and the Cornbelt Fire Department out of Mahomet. CPO Reeves was able to locate the victim in about an hour and Cornbelt Fire Department's dive team was able to recover the victim from the under the ice.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Viverito was inspecting anglers at Clinton Lake along DeWitt Bridge. He came across two anglers one of which he had cited for taking a short crappie six months earlier. Upon further investigation the man had an active DeWitt County warrant. The warrant was for failure to appear for the citation he received for his short crappie. CPO Viverito

arrested the man who also had an order of protection against him which had not yet been served. The man was taken to DeWitt County Jail where CPO Viverito served the order of protection and jail staff booked the man.

CPO Viverito and CPO Wright conducted a two day snagging detail (2 hours per day) at the Clinton Lake Spillway. The CPOs observed a total of six snaggers and three citations and three written warnings were issued (written warnings issued to juveniles). The CPOs also educated the suspects on snagging laws and Illinois waters open to snagging.

CPO Viverito was patrolling DeWitt County when he observed a white SUV parked along DeWitt Bridge at Clinton Lake. CPO Viverito had noticed the SUV parked at a different location along the bridge a few hours prior. The white bass had been feeding along DeWitt Bridge and anglers were catching their limit within hours. CPO Viverito conducted an investigation which led to the arrest of two anglers. A total of 36 white bass were seized and the men were also charged with civil penalties. The men have a mandatory DeWitt County court date.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Schultz patrolled Walnut Point State park. During a compliance check, a fisherman caught his final bluegill towards his limit. As CPO Schultz checked another group of fishermen the limited out man continued to fish and threw four more into his partner's pile. As the man was approached again he admitted to keeping more than his limit so they could get done faster and he didn't think CPO Schultz would do anything about the over-limit. The man was educated and enforcement action was taken.

MACON and CHRISTIAN COUNTIES

A Decatur man pleaded guilty to unlawful take of a whitetail deer (Class B) and unlawful use of another's deer permit (Class A) in Christian County court. He was fined a total \$1000 dollars, loss of hunting privileges for 1 year and the man's shotgun was forfeited to the DNR. The case happened on the Macon/Christian county line where the subject shot a doe, knowing that he did not have a shotgun deer permit, and allowed a 13 year old female from a nearby house to use her deer permit.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Myers received a complaint on a subject in possession of a loaded rifle in a truck, hunting from the roadway, and possession of a whitetail deer head. CPO Myers interviewed the subject and obtained a verbal confession that he had been coyote hunting with a loaded 22-250 rifle in his truck. The deer head was a deer he had found and failed to report. The subject was arrested for unlawful possession of a loaded rifle in vehicle, hunting from the roadway, and possession of an unreported whitetail deer.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley rescued two Bald Eagles in Carthage. The one eagle had a suspected head injury and the other eagle had a broken wing. He took both to the Quincy Raptor Control Center for rehabilitation. Both are in stable condition.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt attended and taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety course in Dow.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

Officer Bettis issued a citation to a coyote hunter for transporting a loaded/uncased rifle in a motor vehicle.

Officer Bettis issued a citation to another coyote hunter for shooting from a roadway.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

A Sangamon County resident previously arrested by CPO Swance for possessing a hand gun without a FOID card during the bow season pleaded guilty and paid a fine and costs of \$652.00.

CPOs Swance and Cochran have been busy conducting various compliance checks of fishermen taking advantage of warmer weather and open water at Lake Sangchris. This has resulted in numerous citations and warning to fishermen for taking short/undersize crappie and boating violations.

MASON COUNTY

CPO Bettis concluded three separate investigations involving the deaths of four Trumpeter swans. The investigations showed that no illegal activity had taken place. The swans were all killed from impact and/or electrocution when they made contact with power lines.

MORGAN COUNTY

A timber case previously investigated by CPO Bettis in which the landowners accused a timber buyer of failing to pay for all timber harvested on their farm resulted in an out of court settlement. The landowners and timber buyer reached an agreement for the timber buyer to pay an additional \$18,000 to the landowners.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Swance conducted a follow up with persons who were warned earlier in the year about feeding deer. The subjects were found to have resumed the illegal practice. Citations were issued for feeding deer.

A woman previously arrested by CPO Swance in a state park with driving while license revoked and possessing open alcohol pleaded guilty and paid a \$500.00 fine.

CPOs Bettis, Cochran, Wichern, and Swance took turns manning the IDNR Information booth during a local Boat Show located at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Many questions were answered pertaining to boating & fishing laws.

CPO Cochran conducted a permit investigation on a woman who was suspected of illegally harvesting an 8-point buck without a hunting license and habitat stamp. After an interview by CPO Bettis and Cochran, it was discovered the husband and wife had both illegally harvested 8-point bucks in Greene County. The husband unlawfully used his wife's landowner archery deer permit.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

MADISON COUNTY

CPO French was working in Lewis and Clark Memorial State Park when he noticed a Jeep Cherokee parked on the side of the road with two individuals in the vehicle. As he passed the Jeep he noticed the individuals suddenly sit up and begin to move furtively. CPO French left the area and recorded their plates. At the entrance to the park, CPO French checked

the plates and noticed the individual who owned the Jeep had a suspended driver's license. The Jeep exited the park and pulled up next to CPO French's squad. The driver of the vehicle rolled down her window and motioned for CPO French. CPO French was able to verify the driver of the vehicle was the owner. CPO French inquired about the male passenger's name and if he had a valid driver's license. After taking the male passenger's information CPO French was not able to verify the male passenger's identity and began relaying his information to Illinois State Police Dispatch. During this time CPO French had repositioned his squad and was approached by the male passenger. The male passenger wanted to know if everything was alright and CPO French ordered him back into his vehicle. During this interaction the female passenger climbed across the seat to the passenger seat. The male re-entered the vehicle on the driver's side and slammed the Jeep in reverse onto the road and took off. CPO French followed the vehicle into Missouri until heavy traffic and safety and welfare of others terminated the stop. The Jeep was recovered by St Louis County Sheriff's Office abandoned on I-270 about 4 miles into Missouri. However, prior to them fleeing CPO French was able to secure the female driver's license and information. Felony charges against the female and male for fleeing and eluding were filed and two warrants have been issued for their arrest. Both bonds are set at \$25,000.

CPO Ray arrested three juvenile subjects for taking Canada Geese during closed season and wanton waste. Subjects were issued written warnings for hunting without permission and within 100 yards of an inhabited dwelling.

CPO French stopped a vehicle on Chouteau Island for several moving violations. During the stop, the female passenger was found to be wanted on a warrant. After citing the driver for several violations the female was transported to Granite City Police Department where the warrant had originated.

CPO French was working in Horseshoe Lake State Park when he noticed trash being thrown out of a vehicle parked at one of the shelters. He approached the female passenger as she threw another piece of trash on the ground. CPO French had the female pick up the trash and dispose of it in a receptacle located 15 feet from the vehicle. After deciding to take enforcement action against the female, he found she had a warrant for a traffic offense out of St Clair County. CPO French cited the female for littering in the park and transported her to Madison County Jail.

CPO French was working in Horseshoe Lake State Park when he noticed a Ford 250 fail to stop at stop sign and then fail to signal his intent to turn. After running the individual's plates it was determined he was driving on a revoked license. The driver was stopped and cited for driving while revoked, failure to signal and disobeying a traffic control device. When asked why he was driving on a revoked license, the individual informed CPO French it was because he and his girlfriend had an argument and he had to get out of the house. The not-so-pleased girlfriend had to come and pick her boyfriend up from Pontoon Beach Police Department.

CPO French and CPO Goetten initiated a deer investigation into a Wisconsin man using his mother's landowner's permits to take deer in Illinois. The man has been cooperative thus far and has admitted to taking several deer. So far one deer has been seized, but several more are unaccounted for. Wisconsin DNR has been notified and will be meeting with the man to collect his statement and other deer.

CPO French filed for a felony warrant on a Granite City man for bringing prescription drugs into a penal institution. The case originated in December for fishing without a valid license and warrant arrest. The individual concealed the drugs on his person in a belt buckle. The warrant bond amount is \$10,000.

CPO Ray responded to a complaint from Cahokia Mounds State Historical Site in reference to a dirt bike and a four wheeler operating on state property. The two 15 yr. old operators were issued citations for unlawful operation.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Ray and CPO Rolfingsmeier responded and assisted with a hazardous material incident at Coffeen Lake. Dynegy Inc. reported the spill of 800-1,000 gallons of turbine oil into the discharge ditch on Coffeen Lake. No direct impact on fish or wildlife has been observed. This resulted in the closing of Coffeen Lake to boating while cleanup of spilled oil at the Coffeen Power Station continues.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers completed a trapping without permission complaint near Baldwin. The landowner contacted CPO Sievers because he had found a dead beaver floating in his lake with a trap around its neck. The landowner was upset because he had caught a trapper in December checking an identical trap in the same location. The landowner told the trapper to remove the trap and that he was not to return because he did not want the beaver trapped. CPO Sievers collected the beaver and trap. A few days later, CPO Sievers returned to the area and began knocking on doors to locate the local trappers. CPO Sievers located the trapper who was chased off in December by the landowner. The trapper denied returning to the property and setting a second trap. The trapper was issued a citation for trapping without a valid resident trapping license. The investigation continues for the owner of the second trap.

CPO Sievers received a complaint call about a poached deer north of Chester. CPO Sievers met with the complainants. CPO Sievers and the complainants tracked the deer by the blood trail on the snow to locate the area of the shooting and they then looked for shell casings in the roadway. CPO Sievers returned to the deer and took pictures of it before collecting the carcass. CPO Sievers will be searching the deer's body cavity for a bullet because there was no exit wound. The investigation continues and if anybody has information please contact CPO Sievers at Ralph.Sievers@illinois.gov or (618) 521-6767.

CPO Ray issued two subjects written warnings for snow goose hunting without state waterfowl stamps.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray arrested a subject for coyote hunting by aid and use of a motor vehicle. The subject was also arrested for transportation of one loaded and two uncased rifles. A Browning .243 X-Bolt Rifle with Leupold scope and a Savage B-Mag .17 Rifle with BSA scope was seized.

CPO Schachner worked the IDNR display booth at the St. Louis Boat Show and then two hunter safety courses the next day. He also issued several warnings for unregistered kayaks and illegal possession of alcohol and a citation for no wearable pfd (personal flotation device).

CPO Ray and CPO Rolfsmeier arrested a subject for operating a motor vehicle on the basketball court at Frank Holten State Park.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles and CPO Tapley worked together on a detail in Washington County District 13 to respond to complaints about coyote hunters and snow goose hunters trespassing and shooting animals off the roadway. No arrests were made during the detail but further information was gathered about the complaints in the area. A coyote hunter was issued a citation for transportation of a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

CPO Charles and CPO Tapley worked together on a detail in Washington County District 13 to enforce regulations on the transportation of forest products. During the detail, contact was made with timber truck haulers and inspections were completed to ensure compliance with regulations.

CPO Charles patrolled Washington County State Recreation Area Lake and ensured compliance of fishing regulations on the lake. Contact was made with multiple fishermen and no enforcement action was necessary.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Jourdan initiated a burglary/theft investigation at the Rend Lake Resort. Eight flat screen televisions have been taken from various rooms. CPO Lay and CPO Jourdan interviewed staff and collected paperwork to assist the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in the investigation. The total value of the stolen items is approximately \$1,600.00.

CPO Tim Lay closed a case which had been referred to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service back in December of 2014. Two Franklin County goose hunters paid a fine of \$525.00 each for the charge of taking more than the daily limit of migratory game birds. The two hunters combined had killed a total of nine Canada geese in one day. The goose meat was donated to a Franklin County Animal rehabilitator.

CPO Tim Lay while waiting on a train to pass at a rural Franklin County railroad crossing observed a passenger in a truck, waiting to cross the tracks, pour a liquid out of a can and throw the can out of the truck. A subsequent traffic stop resulted in three citations being issued. The driver was cited for not having insurance. The passenger was cited for littering from a vehicle and illegal transportation of alcohol. Both men have a pending day in court.

CPO Tim Lay concluded an investigation of a Franklin County firearm deer hunter. The hunters harvest records indicated a 40 minute time frame from the time his permit was purchased to the time he harvested the deer. It was determined, after an interview and review of all the information available, that it would have been possible for the harvest to have taken place in the time frame indicated.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff assisted another CPO with an on-going residency investigation.

HARDIN COUNTY

CPO Johnson conducted a commercial timber audit in Hardin County. No violations were observed.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Marc Folden and CPO Troy Williams received a complaint of several men shooting at snow geese from the bed of a pickup truck. CPO Folden and CPO Williams began response from their assigned counties. Prior to arriving both officers overheard Jefferson County Sheriff's Department make a traffic stop in the area of the violation on two vehicles fitting the description of the complaint. CPO Folden and CPO Williams responded to the location of the stop and verified it was the same vehicles. After short interviews, CPO Folden and CPO Williams determined the complaint to be valid. The men drove an SUV and a pickup truck past a large flock of snow geese feeding near a roadway. They combined occupants from both vehicles into the bed of the truck with the exception of one occupant, the driver, being in the cab. They uncased and loaded their shotguns. The driver then drove down the roadway. Three men exited the bed of the truck onto the roadway (they explained for their safety) and began shooting. The remaining two men shot from the bed of the truck. CPO Folden and CPO Williams issued four citations for unlawful hunting of snow geese from the roadway. CPO Folden and CPO Williams issued written warnings for unlawful use of a vehicle to hunt snow geese and unlawful transport of uncased firearms in a vehicle.

CPO Folden, Sgt. Cariens and Captain Daiber attended training at the Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit in Mt. Vernon. CPO Folden and Sgt. Cariens also attended search and seizure training from the local Mobile Training Unit.

CPO Jourdan completed three assigned taxidermy inspections. One of the licensees was missing some entries in the log book. He was issued a written warning for the offense and given a handbook on taxidermy laws.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson issued a Tennessee subject three citations for unlawful take of deer, unlawful possession of deer, and fraudulently reporting a harvest. The subject was issued a written warning for unlawful use of another's permit. The violations occurred in Pope County.

CPO Johnson issued a written warning to a subject in Pope County for an uncased gun in a motor vehicle.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins has been working on administrative investigations and commercial inspections. To date no violations have been noted with the investigation .

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Johnson assisted in an on-line deer investigation with CPO Folden. A non-resident was found to be in possession of multiple unlawfully taken antlered deer. The subject was using resident "property only" permits to tag and report the deer harvest in White County.

CPO Johnson issued a subject a written warning for a deer permit violation in White County.

CPO Diggins investigated an alleged deer poaching incident in White County involving a resident driving an ATV shooting deer. The suspect was interviewed and cleared after speaking with local residents about the allegations.

CPO Schoenhoff inspected two taxidermy businesses, no violations were noted.

CPO Folden is in the final stages of an investigation involving non-resident hunters using Illinois Resident Landowner Deer Permits to tag deer. CPO Folden began the investigation by looking at landowners who reported harvest of deer but did not have a Habitat Stamp as required. In this specific investigation, CPO Folden and CPO Schoenhoff interviewed the landowners who admitted they did not harvest any deer. This was contrary to the harvest records dating back to 2007. The landowners told CPO Folden the subject who used the permits was from Louisiana. The subject was described as "my sister's great granddaughter's husband". The landowner told CPO Folden the husband's first name but claimed they only knew the last name started with "L." CPO Folden cross referenced the provided information with all available permit lists looking for a subject from an unknown town in Louisiana to have any ties to White County Illinois. CPO Folden located an individual with the provided first name as having a DOE ONLY permit. CPO Folden researched the individual on Facebook and was able to match up photographs of two bucks and two does fitting the exact description of the deer reported on the Harvest Records. The size of the bucks and the dates of the photographs matched the harvest records. CPO Folden contacted the subject who immediately admitted to the unlawful use of Illinois Resident Landowner tags for deer he (a Louisiana Resident) had killed in White County Illinois. CPO Folden issued the Louisiana Resident four citations for unlawful use of a deer permit issued to another person, two citations for unlawful take of antlered deer while only possessing an antlerless only permit and 12 written warnings. The written warnings were for falsification of records to obtain a confirmation number (X 4), unlawful possession of deer (X 4), and failure to immediately tag deer upon harvest (x 4). The investigation is on-going.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Smith responded to 750N on IL Route 1, Crawford County, in reference to an accident involving a commercial tanker truck. The truck was travelling southbound on IL Rt 1 when the driver apparently fell asleep causing the truck and trailer to exit the highway and overturn. The truck was hauling 5000 gallons of salt water. An estimated 2500 gallons

was spilled into a nearby creek. CPO Smith worked with ISP and Crawford County Sheriff's Department at the scene. The truck company was responsible for removing the damaged vehicle. CPO Smith contacted the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and advised them of the accident and the spillage of the pollutant.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith attended a hunter safety education class at the Kluthe Center in Beecher City, IL. CPO Smith discussed topics related to hunter safety and wildlife laws.

CPO Smith was on routine patrol at 1500E/600N and observed two snowmobiles traveling southbound towards him. CPO Smith activated his emergency lights and stopped the snowmobiles. CPO Smith issued two written warnings each for unnumbered and operating on the highway.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Holland received information regarding possible illegal take of furbearer (red fox) in Kinmundy. CPO Holland responded to the suspect's residence and conducted an interview with suspect. The suspect admitted trapping without a license and using a snare illegally. CPO Holland seized one red fox hide and issued one citation for no valid trapping license and one warning for illegal use of snare.

CPO Holland attended and spoke at a hunter safety course in Salem.

District 16 – Sgt. (Vacant)

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson assisted ISP District 22 during a snow storm on I-24. He responded to calls of stranded or stuck vehicles, gave rides to Troopers when their squads were stuck and performed roadway sweeps along the interstate to the Kentucky state line.

PERRY COUNTY

Sgt. Cariens and CPO Vasicek investigated a landowner complaint that subjects were fishing his lake without consent. When the trespassers realized they were observed by the landowner they paddled to the opposite shore, dragged the boat onto land and ran, leaving their boat and tackle behind. The boat was recovered by the landowner and documented by CPOs. The investigation is ongoing to identify the subjects.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek cited a subject for unlawfully hunting and killing a white tailed buck without a valid archery permit during the 2014 season. The subject placed another person's permit on the deer and called it into IDNR providing false information. A deer mount was seized.

CPO Vasicek reported the disposition of a case from the 2014 firearm deer season. Multiple citations were written to non -resident hunters from Georgia. The group had unlawfully taken/possessed five white tailed deer. Fines totaled \$2320.00. Two coolers including an extra-large YETI cooler were forfeited to the IDNR as part of the plea agreement. The meat was donated to a food pantry.

UNION, PULASKI, ALEXANDER COUNTIES

CPO Vasicek patrolled during blizzard conditions in extreme southern Illinois. The southern -most portion of the state was blanketed with 12-16 inches of snow. CPO Vasicek provided assistance to stranded and stuck motorists along I-57 and secondary roads during whiteout conditions. Illinois State Police personnel and vehicles were also assisted with the 4X4 DNR vehicle.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Boston conducted inspections of three licensed taxidermist in Williamson County. Two of the three were issued written warnings for records infraction and one for license expired.

CPO Boston assisted in a search and rescue of a Franklin County boy that fell through the ice on a private pond. A woman travelling down I-57 saw the boy fall through and called 911. She, however, did not stop and it took police and fire some time to locate the boy. He was treated by EMS persons and taken to his home.

CPO Boston interviewed a Williamson County man in reference to a deer permit issue. He admitted to buying a permit and giving it to another person that had shot a deer. CPO Boston interviewed the other person and he admitted to using the other person's deer permit to tag the deer he had shot. Both subjects were issued citations for the permit violations. Written warnings were also issued for other offenses.

CPO Boston assisted an ISP trooper with a felony stop in Williamson County.

CPO Boston assisted Indiana DNR investigators in southern Illinois on several falsification cases.

CPO Boston assisted Jackson County firefighters by transporting fireman to a fire. The fire trucks could not get through to the fire because of the snow storm. No one was injured in the fire.

CPO Boston assisted several motorists stuck in a March snow storm.

CPO Boston patrolled an area of Perry and Jackson Counties where complaints had been made of hunters shooting snow geese from roadways and onto property they did not have permission. The violators have not been caught as of yet.

CPO Boston taught at a hunter safety class held at John A. Logan college in Williamson County.